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I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**DYNAMIC HOST CONFIGURATION PROTOCOL IN A STORAGE ENVIRONMENT**", which is described and claimed in the specification

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 which was filed on _____, as United States Application No. _____ and with
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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